



**Energy Employees
Occupational Illness
Compensation Program**

Benefit Information for Nuclear Weapons Industry Workers and Survivors



**U.S. Department of Labor
Employment Standards Administration
Division of Energy Employees
Occupational Illness Compensation**

ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT (EEOICPA)

Provides compensation for employees of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors who became ill as a result of work performed in the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS?

CURRENT OR FORMER WORKERS OR SURVIVORS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS IF THE EMPLOYEE:

has or had radiation-induced cancers, beryllium diseases or silicosis
AND was exposed to radiation, beryllium or silica while working in the nuclear weapons industry for the Department of Energy or its contractors or subcontractors.

Uranium miners, millers and ore transporters may be eligible for benefits if they have received an award of benefits under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

A lump sum payment of \$150,000 and payment of medical expenses from the date of the claim for:

- Radiogenic cancers
- Chronic Beryllium Disease
- Chronic Silicosis
- Medical Monitoring for employees diagnosed with beryllium sensitivity.

A lump sum payment of \$50,000 for uranium miners, millers or transporters (or their eligible survivors) who have been awarded compensation under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, (RECA) and payment of medical expenses for the conditions accepted under RECA.

ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS

Spouses: are eligible for benefits if they were married to the eligible employee for one year before the date of the employee's death.

Children: If no surviving spouse: a child, regardless of age, is eligible for compensation if the parent was an eligible employee.

If Minor Child: If there is a minor child of the employee (at the time of payment) who is not the natural or adopted child of the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse receives one-half the compensation and all minor children share the other half equally.

Additional survivors: in order of precedence: parents grandchildren grandparents